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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/733,723
Continuation of U.S.S.N. 10/322,858, Filed 12/18/02
Title: FUSED SILICA PELLICLE IN INTIMATE CONTACT WITH THE SURFACE OF A PHOTOMASK
Inventor: Ben Eynon
Our File: 67493/64

Dear Sir:

Enclosed please find the following documents for filing in the above-identified application:

1. Response to Restriction Requirement (2 pages);
2. Return Receipt Postcard.

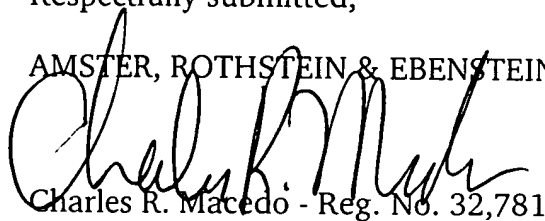
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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This Reply is responsive to the December 6, 2005 Office Action in the above-referenced patent application which imposed a restriction requirement. Since this Reply is due on January 6, 2006, it is timely filed.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicant is required to elect for prosecution one of the following:

- 1) Group I - claims 1-6, 13-24 and 37-47, drawn to a photomask and method of making a photomask; or
- 2) Group II - claims 7-12, 25-36 and 48-58 drawn to a method of using a photomask.

Applicant respectfully elects, without traverse, to prosecute the Group I claims, i.e., claims 1-6, 13-24 and 37-47, drawn to a photomask and method of making a photomask.

Conclusion

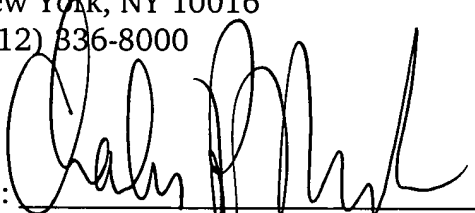
Applicant respectfully requests examination of claims 1-6, 13-24 and 37-47. If there is any minor matter preventing examination of those claims, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney.

It is believed that no fee is deemed necessary in connection with this Reply. However, if any additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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